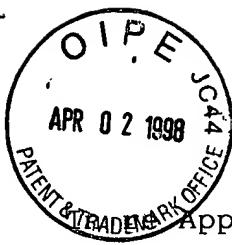


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of
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Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's Action of September 29, 1997, the period for response of which is hereby extended by 3 months. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the RELATED APPLICATIONS section to read as follows:

This is a continuation of Application No. 08/342,378 filed on Nov. 18, 1994, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,601,741, on February 11, 1997.